

Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116  
Reply to Office Action dated February 25, 2005  
March 24, 2005

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 6 and 10 have been amended and claims 9, 11-13 and 32 have been cancelled. Currently, claims 1-8, 10, 14-31 and 33-38 are pending in the application.

The indication that claims 1-5, 7-8, 14-31 and 34-38 are allowed is noted with appreciation.

Claims 6 and 33 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Nitta et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,747,293). Also claim 32 (dependent on claim 6) was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this amendment, the subject matter of claim 32 has been incorporated into claim 6 thereby overcoming the 35 USC 102(e) rejection. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 6 and 33 are now allowable.

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Chiu et al. (U.S. Patent Application No. 2001/0010449). Claim 10 has been amended to be dependent on allowable claim 2, thereby rendering claim 10 allowable as well.


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Therefore, applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and an action to this effect is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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